

**KING STREET STATION
ACCESS IMPROVEMENT STUDY
CITIZEN COMMENTS
APRIL 21, 2010**

The following citizen comments were gathered on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. These comments are both general and specific in nature and are intended to help City of Alexandria staff better understand the needs and wants of its citizens in regards to the King Street Station Access Improvements. There are four comment categories: safety, buses, pedestrian movement, and other comments.

SAFETY

1. There needs to be a camera in the tunnel between Union Station and the King Street Metro Station.
2. The crosswalks should be lighted.
3. Close or modify the King Street bus entrance, because pedestrians want to walk from the King Street Metro Station to King Street and it is very dangerous to do so with the current bus entrance at King Street.

BUSES

1. Will the plan include layover spaces for buses?
2. Buses and delivery trucks are blocking lanes around the surrounding area of the King Street Metro Station, especially on Cameron Street and at the Hilton.

PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT

1. Have the police enforce parking at the King Street Station.
2. Need better pedestrian flow around the station.

3. Need better signage/wayfinding. This is possible but the contracted cost can escalate very quickly, so might be able to do in-house and save money. One idea is to paint a giant mural on the wall as you come down the King Street Station escalator.
4. At the far right side of the WMATA Proposed Reconfigured Site Plan there is a grassy treed area that could be made into a walkway parallel to King Street.
5. Using the station's north station entrance as a resource, work with WMATA to direct people to this entrance when people have destinations on the north side of King Street.
6. Paint arrows or footprints on the ground showing pedestrians where to walk, to get to Old Town destinations. This is something that is being used in other parts of the United States such as Boston.

OTHER COMMENTS

1. There is a **LOCALMOTION** link to the King Street Study but no link at the Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) web site.
2. At previous meetings the closing of Sunset Drive was discussed and decided against. There is a possibility of placing a row of flexible posts on the street to channelize vehicles in to the right lane.
3. The plan does not address centralizing and decreasing the number of newspaper stands.
4. What area of the King Street Station is owned by WMATA and what area is owned by the City of Alexandria?
5. The current landscaping is terrible primarily because of poor upkeep.
6. There needs to be more benches.
7. Need to plan additional citizen meetings.
8. Need to present consolidated ideas to WMATA.

Safety, buses, pedestrian movement, and other comments were discussed at the April 21st citizens meeting. The King Street Station Access Improvement Study is underway with both citizens and City staff working together to create a create the best solution for all members of the community.